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Black Jap. Pine — Douglas Fir — Sierra Redwood



Alberta Spruce — Tamarisk Juniper — Arbor-Vitae



California Live Oak — Prostrate Juniper
Midget Redwood (weeper)

The illustrations on this page show young Bonsai which have only been trained a few months or even weeks. They show you how quickly you can get attractive dwarfed trees and plants — by using our baby trees which are especially grown for Bonsai work. These are NOT finished Bonsai. They are baby trees, grown in our nursery, one to three years old. They have had only the FIRST Bonsai treatment — and will get several years of careful training, before they become finished Bonsai.

Price 15 Cents

YOU CAN DWARF TREES

If You Have the ESSENTIALS
which we provide.

1. Suitable BABY trees
Pot-Grown — RARE
2. World's ONLY Handbook
Nearly 1,000 yrs. of skill

RARE PLANT CLUB

Route 1, Box 155
MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

BONSAI Hobby Sweeping the U. S.

Since 1950, when we began offering Bonsai Trees and baby trees for folks who want to dwarf their own Bonsai — this hobby has grown swiftly all over the U. S. Judging from our many thousand customers in the 48 states, there will soon be more Bonsai trees in the U. S. than in Japan.

Our Director, W. Warren Anderson, has been teaching the Bonsai art in local adult night school classes. A local Bonsai Club has been organized by his "graduates". Other Bonsai Clubs are meeting in Los Angeles, Cleveland and Pittsburgh — and probably elsewhere. We will be glad to assist in helping to organize Bonsai Clubs elsewhere. Eventually a nation-wide Bonsai organization may become desirable.

Now that we have a new place of seven acres, we are building more lath-houses and tables for growing potted trees and plants each year. We now start many thousand baby trees and several thousand Bonsai each spring. Our seed collectors now send us seeds of new plants from many parts of the world — from all continents, many islands, and even from the Arctic and Antarctic! Each year, we expect to offer new plants — many unknown in the U. S. before. Some of these will be suited to make fascinating and RARE Bonsai.

OLDER Bonsai Available Here

Importing Bonsai from Japan is impractical. U. S. Plant Quarantine laws require that ALL plants MUST be imported with their roots in moss or some other sterile substance other than soil. On arrival here, their roots must be stripped bare and chemically disinfected, to avoid importing plant diseases. At the Port of San Francisco, about half the Bonsai imported (or more) die after this treatment.

We have found a number of California Japanese who have older Bonsai for sale. If you want one or more finished Bonsai, of ten to twenty-five years of age, we can find them for you, if you will write us your wishes. Young Bonsai can be had for from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per year of age. Older Bonsai cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year of age — and those a century or more of age, even more.

Our baby plants for Bonsai are root and top-pruned once or more each year. They cost a little more than ordinary nursery seedlings — but they are already partly trained for Bonsai — and make good results easier for you.

Catalog alone - 35¢

ev - evergreen de - deciduous



BABY REDWOODS

Dwarfing the Redwoods--the world's largest and longest-lived trees--is really exciting fun--and can be profitable. Today, there are probably less than a DOZEN dwarfed Redwoods in the world! YOU can "get in on the ground floor"-- start NOW

- SEQUIADENDRON giganteum
OR giant Sierra Sequoia EV
- SEQUIA sempervirens
OR California Coast Redwood EV
- METASEQUOIA glyptostroboides
OR Dawn Redwood DE
- TAXODIUM distichum
OR Baldcypress DE
- CRYPTOMERIA japonica
OR Japanese Cryptomeria EV

If you want to learn more about the Redwood Family, send \$1.00 for our 3 booklets -- the ONLY description of ALL 15 REDWOODS, and How to Grow Them, ever printed. (Postpaid)

U. S. TREES

We have selected some of the native American Trees that are fine for DWARFING-- and have been dwarfed here in California. Even the Japanese import some of our trees as fine for BONSAI work in Japan.

- THUJA occidentalis —
OR Golden Arbor-Vitae EV
- PSEUDOTSUGA Douglasi —
OR Douglas Fir EV
- CEANOTHUS gloriosus —
OR California Wild Lilac EV
- SEQUIA sempervirens Var. —
OR Hybrid Coast Redwood EV
- QUERCUS agrifolia —
OR California Live Oak

The ONLY Authoritative HANDBOOK

For centuries, it was a death - penalty crime in Japan, to reveal BONSAI secrets. NOW comes an official book, published by a Bureau of the Japanese Government, which tells the complete methods. Printed in English, 177 pages and 109 illustrations, it condenses the experience of Japanese BONSAI experts for about 800 years! It tells -- the suitable kinds of trees, soils, fertilizers, root and branch pruning, shaping the trees, winter and summer care, the kind of pots to use, how to house and exhibit BONSAI.

Even if you BUY "finished" BONSAI trees, you need this book to tell you how--to prevent them from growing to full-sized trees, to keep them from dying! THIS BOOK is the ONLY real authoritative information available!

In our opinion, NOBODY can write BONSAI directions that can even remotely approach the 800 years of Know-how, compressed in this book!

15 TREES to DWARF

1 to 3 yrs. old--4 to 12 in. tall--3 in. pots NOT bare root--cost MORE to grow & pack --but WORTH far more. Why buy 3, expecting 2 to die? Order one of quantities listed to fit our shipping packages.

~~Prices include packing cost.~~ Trees etc. cash with order -express charges collect. Choose ANY assortment of trees listed

QUAN-PRICE	QUAN-PRICE	QUAN-PRICE
1 - \$2.00	10 - 17.25	25 - 37.50
3 - 5.50	15 - 24.75	50 - 62.50
5 - 9.00	20 - 31.00	100 - 100.00

Add 10% to your check for packing



Post Paid — \$3.40



Rare FOREIGN TREES

WHY waste your time and work in dwarfing common trees? You can just as well work on RARE trees that are really worth the effort--and far more valuable when finished. When you have DWARFED these RARE foreign trees, you will be proud of them!

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| PINUS Thunbergi — | |
| OR Black Jap. Pine | EV |
| JUNIPERUS chinensis Var. Meyerl — | |
| OR Silver-Blue Chinese Juniper | EV |
| JUNIPERUS chinensis Var. torulosa — | |
| OR Chinese Corkscrew Juniper | EV |
| JUNIPERUS tamariscifolia — | |
| OR Tamarisk Juniper (Asia) | EV |
| PICEA albertiana Var. conica — | |
| OR Midget Alberta Spruce | EV |

We are also growing these rare trees to larger sizes, to be planted outdoors in the right climates--by plant collectors, botanical gardens and folks who want something RARE.

DWARFING

Simple or Complex

In nature, plants are dwarfed by adverse conditions--poor soil, wrong acidity, too hot or cold, wet or dry, wind or tramping feet. YOU can dwarf ANY plant--by using adversity. Little soil, minimum water, pinching off growing tips, root pruning once a year--barely keep it alive.

You can enjoy DWARFING, as an amateur or expert--whichever you prefer--just as can be done with gardening, photography, sewing, woodworking, any hobby craft.

The BONSAI Book tells ALL that an expert needs to know. YOU can do one-fourth the things the experts do, yet succeed. Don't be frightened by the COMPLETE methods told in the BONSAI Book.

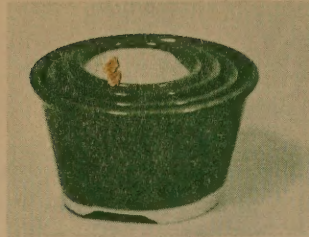
FIVE MIDGET REDWOODS—A Sensation for YOU to DWARF

The FIVE basic varieties of Midget Redwoods, discovered in California coastal forests by our director, W. Warren Anderson—have inter-crossed with each other in various combinations. We are still finding new and distinctly different types—in the wild and grown from seed here. To date, we have found over twenty, some of which are extremely RARE.

SUBSTITUTION: We reserve the right to substitute not more than 2 of each five trees ordered, in case of temporary shortage. This avoids delaying your order, avoids extra correspondence.

We can now offer these sturdy, easy-to-dwarf Midget Redwoods at the same price as our other trees in this folder. LIMIT—not more than TEN to a customer—we will select a collection of different varieties for you. They may be used for BONSAI—or may be grown in pots and later in tubs, or planted out in Zones 6 - 10. They reach a height of only SIX FEET in FIFTY YEARS in the woods—will probably grow even smaller in pots or tubs. They grow one inch or less per year in pots here—one of the finest trees for dwarfing or for a TUB-TREE, ever discovered. We have a FEW—in cans up to 5-gallons, up to 25 years of age—ask for special prices.





No. 1 — SET of 4, \$4.00
Diam. 5-4-3½ in.
Deep—2¾-2¼-2 in.
Dark Green



No. 3—SET of 3, \$12.50
12 x 9 x 3½ in.
11 x 7 x 3 in.
9 x 5½ x 2 in.
Dark Brown



No. 2—SET of 3, \$5.00
Diam. 5¼ x 4½ - 4 in.
Deep—3-2½-2 in.
Dark Brown

Imported Japanese BONSAI Pots

We have carefully chosen these genuine Japanese BONSAI pots from an importer's large stock — as best suited for American Bonsai use. We have avoided both the extremely small and the very shallow Japanese pots — both of which types require excessively patient daily care of the plants. All the pots we have chosen, are 2 inches or more in depth, and are large enough to keep your Bonsai healthy with only about the same amount of care and watering that usual house-plants require.

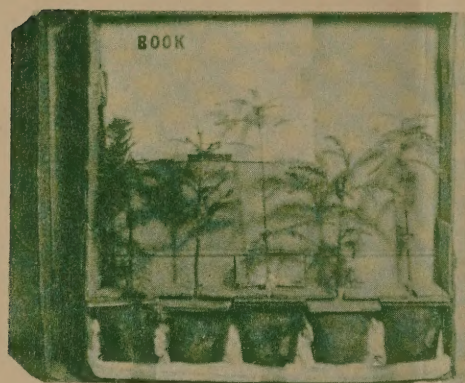
The range of sizes in each SET, gives you two advantages. You can start small Bonsai in the smallest pots — and move them to larger pots in later years — or you can start Bonsai of different sizes NOW. Then you can add more pots later, as you have need for them. By getting several sets in different styles and sizes, you will have a more attractive Bonsai collection.

Note that the California Live Oak at the bottom of page one, is in an American clay pot that is not so tall as the ordinary clay pot. This is called a fern pot and is available at most garden stores with clay saucer to go underneath. You can use these cheap clay pots to start your Bonsai, trimming roots and soil-ball of your plant to 2½ in. or so in depth and putting a layer or two of small pebbles in the bottom of the pot for better drainage. This will train your beginning Bonsai to develop the more shallow, compact root-system desired — and you can then transfer the Bonsai to a Japanese pot easily at some future date. We call this a "training pot".

Trees Are Shipped POTTED

Our trees are pot-grown, shipped POT-TED -- never bare-root, in damp moss. This extra care costs two to three times as much, but it is worth far more to you than the extra cost. Some growers ship 3 bare-root trees of each kind, hoping ONE of the three will live. Our POT-GROWN trees have a record of over 99% survival in all states and many foreign lands.

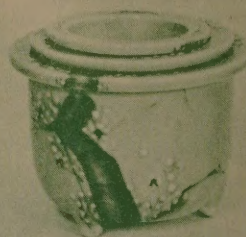
Note the photo of our special shipping package, with 5 baby Redwoods, each in its own shipping pot, snugly held so the trees reach you safely. With Redwoods and rare foreign trees, it is especially undesirable to ship bare-root. With all trees, you save time by getting trees that grow without setback or DELAY.



RARE PLANT CLUB, Route 1, Box 155, MILL VALLEY, CALIF.



No. 4—SET of 3, \$14.00
7½ x 5½ in. square
5½ x 4½ in. square
5 x 4 in. square
Tan and Blue



No. 5—SET of 3, \$9.50
Diam. 7 - 6 - 4½ in.
Deep—5 - 3½ - 3 in.
2-Tone Blue